FLORIDA AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Statewide Conference Call – Medicare Part D Update August 25, 2011 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Invitees: Part A, Lead Agencies, Community Case Managers, and ADAP Staff

DOH Partipants: Ken Hart, Debbie Taylor, Sheila Price, Ivan Cook, Makeshia Barnes, Justin Ferrill, Stephanie Brown, Brenda Andrews, Roxanne Sieks, Steven Badura, Jimmy LLaque, Lorraine Wells

ADAP PREMIUM PLUS:

ADAP Premium Plus is a component of the ADAP program created to manage and assist clients who are currently in the ADAP program and have Medicare Part D or private insurance with out of pocket costs.

PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER:

In July 2011, ADAP contracted with CVS/Caremark to serve as Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM). As PBM, CVS/Caremark will provide assistance to Medicare Part D clients in covering TrOOP (True-Out-of-Pocket) costs. An FAQ has been developed to serve as a reference.

RECOGNITIONS:

Recognition was given to individuals who helped on the review process: Frank Didiano, Rita Volpitta, George Dowden, Ann Mercer, David Rigg and Medical team. Thank you for sharing your expertise and feedback on Medicare Part D.

WHERE WE ARE:

The ADAP program requested that all county staff provide information on Medicare Part D clients who are currently in the ADAP program. This was done to obtain client level data. As part of Legislative requirements and guidance from HRSA, ADAPs are required to establish a data sharing agreement with Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). CMS is the entity that manages Medicare Part D. Working in collaboration with CMS we are able to connect to their database in order to share data electronically. This enables us to identify clients who have Medicare Part D or those who are eligible but have not signed up for the plan.

Between now and December we will be contacting clients who are eligible but have not enrolled in a Part D plan to do so. If a client is eligible but does not enroll, ADAP can no longer serve them because we must be the payor of last resort. This is the message that must be communicated.

CLIENT OPTIONS:

CVS clients will have the option to receive their services by mail order or they can walk into any of the 700 CVS pharmacies in the state of Florida and pick up their medications.

Florida

Welcome packets are being disseminated to the counties this week. The packets will include a personalized client ID card, information explaining the option of retail versus mail order, and contact information.

Data will be electronically transferred on these clients so there will be no need for logging information in the database.

ADAP will only provide co-pay assistance for the drugs that are covered on the ADAP Formulary. CVS pharmacists can contact Central Pharmacy for prescription transfers. If a client needs a new prescription it must be written by their provider.

ELIGIBILITY:

Clients receiving services through CVS must recertify every six months. All reporting requirements remain the same. The only difference is that clients with Medicare Part D will be receiving their assistance or benefits through CVS. Managers are encouraged to continue running reports for the clients in order to stay abreast of clients who may need to be contacted.

ADAP has developed a document called "THE TWELVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ADAP PREMIUM PLUS" to help simplify the process.

CLIENT STATEWIDE CONFERENCE CALL:

The date for client conference call is September 8 at 6:30 - 8:30 (ET). A representative from CVS will also be on the call to answer questions. Because of privacy and the limited number of lines, this call is dedicated to ADAP Premium Plus clients only.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:30 PM